Setting up Thermal Power Plant by a Chinese Company in Chhattisgarh

4041. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a leading public sector Power Company of China has offered to set up a 300 MW thermal power plants in Chhattisgarh on a turn-key basis; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board (CSEB) have received a proposal from M/s China National Machinery and Equipment Import & Export Corporation (CMEC) to set up a 2 × 210 MW Thermal Power Project at the site of the retired 100 MW Thermal Power Project of CSEB at Korba on a "Build & Transfer" basis by financing 95% of the project cost through the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) route. CMEC have sought confirmation of CSEB for signing of the MoU. CSEB have informed that the terms of agreement have not been finalised as yet. CMEC has estimated that the first unit of the plant will be operational within 52 months from the date of signing of the MoU.

Electricity Generation Projects by Canada

4042. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Canada has evinced interest in electricity generation projects in the country;

(b) if so, the names of projects in which Canadian Government has shown interest; and

(c) the Government's response in this regard and where the matter stands at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (c) The Chamera Hydro Electric

Project (Stage-I) in Himachal Pradesh has been constructed with financial assistance from Canada and Chamera Hydro Electric Project (Stage-II) is being constructed with part financing, as loan, from Canada. The National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) is availing a loan amount US $ 175 million for Chamera-II H.E. Project.

The Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has signed an agreement with Export Development Corporation (EDC) of Canada on June 6, 2001 for a Line of Credit Facility of upto US $ 75 million. The Line of Credit is a tied credit intended for on-lending by PFC to finance the purchase of goods and/or services by various State Electricity Boards and PFC's other qualified borrowers from various Canadian Exporters and can be utilized for financing upto 85% of such import components.

NTPC Proposal to set up Mega Power Projects

4043. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether NTPC propose to set up mega power projects in some States where private sector have withdrawn their projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether private power producers have found it tough running power plants due to huge arrears in some States; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government on such actions of the private power producers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) No, Sir. Mega projects by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) are being implemented in accordance with approval of Government given in October, 1998.

(b) The details of Mega Power Projects identified for implementation by NTPC are as follows :